agriculture, small scale industries and transport operators upto two vehicles, the lending rates for loans between Rs. 2500 and upto Rs. 2 lakhs have been raised by only one percentage point. Interest rate on term loans to these sectors over Rs. 2 lakhs has been prescribed at 15.0 per cent (minimum) instead of 14.0 per cent prior to October 9,1991. As such term loans to these sectors are provided at concessional rate of interest relative to the general category of borrowers.

Rehabilitation Fund for Workers of Handloom and powerloom Industries

407. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the break up of funds provided to the workers of handloom and powerloom industries under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme;

(b) the number of handloom and powerloom industries declared sick till 1990-91 and covered under the scheme; and

(c) the number of textile units including handloom and powerloom industries regarding which the cases are pending for consideration in the Courts in various States, separately and the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Textiles Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme does not include the workers in handloom and powerloom sector as the fund is for the workers of the organised mill sector.

(b) In view of 'A' above does not arise.

(c) The information is not maintained Centrally.

Export of Ghee and Butter

408. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ghee and butter exported during the last three years, year-wise and the countries to which exported;

(b) whether in view of the shortage of these items in the domestic market and steep rise in their prices in recent months, the Government propose to stop exports of these items to make them available for domestic consumption; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per information available with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) the quantity of ghee and butter exported during the last three years is as under:-

1988-89	313 Tonnes
1989-90	174 Tonnes
1990-91	146 Tonnes

These items are mainly exported to UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Malaysia.

(b) and (c). It would be clear from the above figures that only small quantities of these items are allowed for exports. These small exports would pose no problem of domestic supply. They have, on the other hand, positive aspects like product promotion, development of market and establishment of brands etc. which could result in larger exports in future depending upon the capacity of the country to undertake such